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SUBJECT: MRS. PERON INDICATES INTEREST IN DIALOGUE; AAA ACTIVITIES

CAST DOUBT ON IT

REF: BA-7545 AND BA-7490

1. SUMMARY: MRS. PERON'S JUST-COMPLETED TRIP HAS IMPROVED HER IMAGE AND SHE HAS GIVEN NEW EVIDENCE OF INTEREST IN DIALOGUE WITH OTHER PARTIES. ACTIONS OF AAA, HOWEVER, ARE, GIVEN ORGANIZATION'S RELATIONSHIP TO GOVT SECURITY ORGANS, CASTING DOUBT ON SINCERITY OF THAT INTEREST. END SUMMARY.

2. MRS PERON'S OCT 12-15 TRIP TO SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO, SALTA AND LA RIOJA WAS CONSIDERED A DEFINATE SUCCESS IN TERMS OF CROWD TURN OUT AND BOOST TO HER IMAGE. DURING THE TOUR SHE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR UNITY IN THE FACE OF THE TERRORIST THREAT.

3. RETURNING TO BUENOS AIRES OCT 15, MRS. PERON IMMEDIATELY LET IT BE KNOWN THAT SHE WILL GRANT THE AUDIENCE WITH POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS WHICH THEY HAD REQUESTED ALMOST TWO WEEKS AGO (SEE REFTELS).

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REPORTEDLY, INTERIOR MINISTER ALBERTO ROCAMORA IS CONFERRING

WITH RICARDO BALBIN AND OTHER LEADERS TO CONFIRM INVITATION AND SET A DATE FOR MEETING.

4. "DIALOGISTAS" WERE FURTHER HEARTENED BY THE FACT THAT ON OCT 10 MRS. PERON RECEIVED AND EXCHANGED IMPRESSIONS WITH PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF SENATE JOSE ANTONIO ALLENDE. WHILE GEN. PERON WAS STILL ALIVE ALLENDE HAD BECOME ONE OF MRS. PERON'S CLOSEST ADVISORS. A MODERATE, HE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE HAD A HEALTHY INFLUENCE ON MRS. PERON. SINCE GEN PERON'S DEATH, HOWEVER, HE HAD HAD VIRTUALLY NO ACCESS TO THE NEW PRESIDENT-- ACCORDING TO MANY, BECAUSE LOPEZ REGA ALWAYS MANAGED TO BLOCK IT. HENCE, HER TWO-HOUR PRIVATE CHAT WITH ALLENDE IS BEING TAKEN BY MODERATES AS AN ENCOURAGING SIGN.

5. WHILE THERE ARE, THEN, INDICATIONS OF A RENEWED INTEREST ON MRS. PERON'S PART IN DIALOGUE WITH THE OTHER PARTIES, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DISTURBING DEVELOPMENTS WHICH CAST DOUBT ON THE SINCERITY OR THE DEPTH OF THAT INTEREST. A NUMBER OF PROMINENT POLITICANS REMAIN ON THE AAA'S DEATH LIST. HECTOR SANDLER OF THE UDELPA SOUGHT REFUGE IN THE CONGRESS BUILDING A WEEK AGO AND HAS SINCE REFUSED TO COME OUT. THE PRC'S HORACIO SUELDO HAS GONE INTO SEMI-RETIREMENT AND LEFT BUENOS AIRES (FROM HIS PLACE OF REFUGE, HE YESTERDAY--OCT 15--ISSUED A STATEMENT ACCUSING THE CIA OF BEING BEHIND MOST OF THE VIOLENCE IN ARGENTINA). AND SUBSEQUENT TO THE OCT 8 MEETING, SENATOR CARLOS PERETTE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UCR BLOC IN THE SENATE (AND THE VICE PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA DURING THE ILLIA ADMINISTRATION), WAS THREATENED AND HIS NAME REPORTEDLY WAS ADDED TO THE AAA'S LIST. UCR SENATORS RALLIED TO HIM WITH EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT.

6. BY NOW VIRTUALLY EVERYONE IN THE COUNTRY IS CONVINCED THAT THE AAA IS IN SOME WAY RELATED TO GOVT SECURITY ORGANS. IN SAME STATEMENT MENTIONED ABOVE, FOR EXAMPLE, SUELDO CHARGED THAT AAA WORKED WITH COMPLETE IMPUNITY "FOR REASONS WHICH WE ALL KNOW," AND HE IN EFFECT CHALLENGED MRS. PERON TO EXPRESS SAME REGRET OVER DEATHS OF AAA VICTIMS THAT SHE HAS EXPRESSED FOR ARMY OFFICERS MURDERED BY ERP. GIVEN THIS WIDESPREAD CONVICTION THAT AAA IS TO SOME DEGREE CONTROLLED BY GOVT, MANY OPPOSITION PARTIES, INCLUDING UCR, ARE BEGINNING TO ASK THEMSELVES HOW PRESIDENT CAN REALLY BE SERIOUS ABOUT DIALOGUE WITH

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THEM WHEN MANY OF THEIR KEY MEMBERS ARE THREATENED BY AAA.

7. THIS IS INDEED A PUZZLING QUESTION, ESPECIALLY SINCE THREATENING SUCH FIGURES AS PERETTE AND SUELDO WOULD SEEM TO WORK AGAINST GOVT'S OWN BEST INTERESTS. ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER IS THAT WHILE FEDERAL POLICEMEN AND REPS OF SOME OTHER SECURITY AGENCIES MAY BE PARTICIPATING IN AAA, GOVT'S CONTROL OVER THAT ORGANIZATION MAY NOT BE AS CLOSE OR EFFECTIVE AS MANY HAVE

BELIEVED. AS ONE RELIABLE ARGENTINE NEWSMAN PUT IT TO EMBOFF  
YESTERDAY, "A MONSTER HAS BEEN CREATED WHICH AT LEAST FOR  
MOMENT APPEARS TO BE OUT OF CONTROL." TO ILLUSTRATE,  
BEFORE HIS NAME APPEARED ON AAA'S DEATH LIST SAME NEWSMAN INDICATED  
THAT UCR SENATOR HIPOLITO SOLARI IRIGOYEN WAS CALLED BY FEDERAL  
POLICE CHIEF VILLAR AND TOLD: "I KNOW YOU AND RESPECT YOU. THERE  
ARE OTHERS, HOWEVER, WHO ARE OUT TO GET YOU. THERE IS NOTHING  
I CAN DO ABOUT IT. IT IS OUT OF MY CONTROL. I WILL DO EVERY-  
THING I CAN TO PROTECT YOU, BUT YOU WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO  
TAKE YOUR OWN PRECAUTIONS AND IF POSSIBLE TO LEAVE COUNTRY FOR  
A MONTH OR SO."

8. ANOTHER POSSIBLE EXPLANATION (AND ONE ACCEPTED BY A GROWING  
NUMBER OF UCR MEMBERS--THOUGH ABSOLUTE NUMBER IS STILL NOT LARGE)  
IS THAT MRSM PERON'S INDICATIONS OF INTEREST IN DIALOGUE AND  
MODERATE APPROACH ARE, ALONG WITH APPOINTMENT OF ROCAMORA AS  
INTERIOR MINISTER, SIMPLY COSMETIC STEPS AIMED AT COVERING GOVERN-  
MENT'S REAL INTENTIONS--I.E., AN EVEN FURTHER SWING TO THE RIGHT  
ACCOMPANIED BY SUPPRESSION OF MEDIA AND OPPOSITION PARTIES.

9. THERE IS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE AT THE MOMENT TO PERMIT ANY  
DEFINITE CONCLUSIONS. IF, HOWEVER, MRS. PERON WISHES TO CONTINUE  
DIALOGUE AND NOT HAVE OTHER PARTIES DRAW CONCLUSIONS SUGGESTED IN  
PARA EIGHT, SHE MUST BEGIN TO TAKE MEASURES TO DISAVOW AND CURB  
AAA.  
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